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1. The airfield northwest of BRYANSK (34°2'N/53°14'N), Bryansk Oblast, was 5,000 feet square and had two diagonal runways. Small single-story cantonment buildings were on the field border which had boundary lights.
2. The following aircraft were observed at the field:
 - a. Eight Focke-Wulf fighters
 - b. Five Me-109 F
 - c. Forty jet fighters.
3. According to the observed flying, a pilot school was at the field.
4. A train of flatcars loaded with jet fighters was parked on a railroad siding near the PW camp for a few days. The aircraft were unloaded and towed to the field.
5. Description of the jet aircraft: (see attached sketch)
 - a. Fuselage club-shaped, length about 30 feet, wings set at end of first third of fuselage. For measurements of cross section of fuselage, see Annex.
 - b. Wings: Rounded tips, slight dihedral, high-wing monoplane.
 - c. Tail assembly: Elevator assembly similar to configuration of wings, rudder assembly oval-shaped with rounded tips fairing into fuselage.
 - d. Landing gear retracting outward, rigid tail wheel, retractable nose wheel.
 - e. Two air inlets of 16-inch diameter at lower section of nose, about 10 inches apart.
 - f. Cockpit mounted on top of fuselage about 100 inches aft of nose.

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g. Armament: about 20-mm, as was inferred from empty cartridges found at the field.

h. The plane was painted blue and marked with a red star on the under-side of each wing and both sides of the fuselage.

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Comment:

According to previous information covering the same period, the BRATISLAVA airfield was assumed to be occupied much more heavily than now stated. It had been believed that both formations equipped with jet fighters in addition to a fighter pilot school for the retraining with jet aircraft were stationed at the field. The type aircraft represented on the attached sketch can easily be recognized as the MIG-9, which was previously observed. Swept-back jet fighters were not mentioned in this report. Further information is required for a clear picture of the occupation of this field.

1 Annex: Jet Aircraft Observed at the Airfield of BRYANSK.